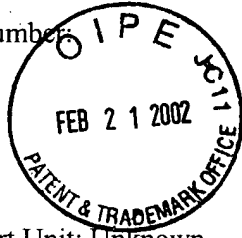


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Kenneth B. Higgins et al.
Serial Number: 09/960,114
Filed: September 21, 2001
Title: CUSHIONED CARPET, CARPET TILE, AND METHOD
Group Art Unit: Unknown
Examiner: Unknown

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

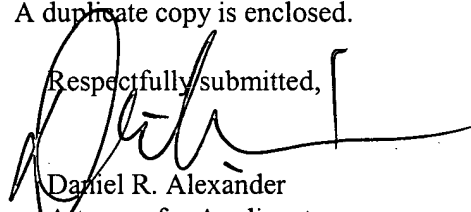
Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, et seq., including specifically subsections (g) and (h) thereof, Applicant(s) call to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed in the attached Form PTO-1449(modified). Copies of the references listed in Form PTO-1449 are provided for the Examiner's review and entry in the record herein, except for references previously submitted to or cited by the Office in a prior application.

This application claims priority to prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/721,871 filed on November 24, 2000 and is a continuation-in-part of U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/910,085, filed on July 20, 2001.

Should there be a fee in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, please charge that fee to Deposit Account 04-0500. A duplicate copy is enclosed.

December 17, 2001

Respectfully submitted,



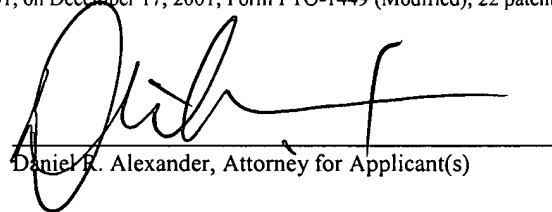
Daniel R. Alexander
Attorney for Applicant

Registration No. 32,604

Telephone Number: (864) 503-1372

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Information Disclosure Statement is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to The Commissioner of Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on December 17, 2001, Form PTO-1449 (Modified), 22 patents/reference documents, and a postcard receipt.



Daniel R. Alexander, Attorney for Applicant(s)

Form PTO-1449 (Modified)

**LIST OF PATENTS
AND PUBLICATIONS FOR
APPLICANT'S
INFORMATION
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**
(Use several sheets if necessary)

ATTY. DOCKET NO.
5113B

SERIAL NO.
09/960,114

APPLICANT
Kenneth B. Higgins et al.

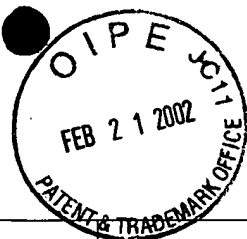
FEB 21 2002

FILING DATE
September 21, 2001

GROUP
Unknown

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS	IDENTIFIER	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE
	AA	3,123,508	03/03/64	Waugh	156	78	
	AB	3,309,259	03/14/67	Schwartz	428	97	
	AC	3,519,526	07/07/70	Carey et al.	156	79	
	AD	3,238,595	03/08/66	Schwartz et al.	28	74	
	AE	3,537,946	11/03/70	Truax et al.	161	66	
	AF	3,616,138	10/26/71	Wentworth	161	67	
	AG	3,664,863	05/23/72	Dijkhuizen et al.	117	161	
	AH	3,926,700	12/16/75	Hopkins, Jr. et al.	428	95	
	AI	4,132,817	01/02/79	Tillotson	427	244	
	AJ	4,171,395	10/16/79	Tillotson	428	95	
	AK	4,286,003	08/25/81	Higgins et al.	428	95	
	AL	4,296,159	10/20/81	Jenkines et al.	428	95	
	AM	4,405,393	09/20/83	Tillotson	156	78	
	AN	4,512,831	04/23/85	Tillotson	156	78	
	AO	4,522,857	06/11/85	Higgins	428	95	
	AP	4,657,790	04/14/87	Wing et al.	427	374.1	
	AQ	4,689,256	08/25/87	Slosberg et al.	428	95	
	AR	4,661,380	04/28/87	Tillotson	427	207.1	
	AS	4,696,849	09/29/87	Mobley et al.	428	95	
	AT	4,737,221	04/12/88	Bell et al.	156	231	
	AU	4,798,644	01/17/89	Scott et al.	156	324	
	AV	4,865,688	09/12/89	Cross et al.	156	78	
	AW	4,942,074	07/17/90	Bell et al.	428	95	
	AX	5,030,497	07/09/91	Claessen	428	95	
	AY	5,077,874	01/07/92	Trask et al.	28	115	
	AZ	5,104,693	04/14/92	Jenkines	427	244	
	BA	5,114,773	05/19/92	Bogdany	428	95	
	BB	5,198,277	03/30/93	Hamilton et al.	428	92	
	BC	5,204,155	04/20/93	Bell et al.	428	95	
	BD	5,540,968	07/30/96	Higgins	428	95	



	BE	5,545,276	08/13/96	Higgins	156	79	
	BF	5,929,145	07/27/99	Higgins et al.	524	69	
	BG	5,948,500	09/07/99	Higgins	428	95	
	BH	6,162,309	12/19/00	Brodeur, Jr. et al.	156	72	
	BI	6,162,748	12/19/00	Schilling et al.	442	226	
	BJ	6,203,881	03/20/01	Higgins	428	95	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS	IDENTIFIER	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLATION:	
							YES	NO
	(CONT. FROM ABOVE)							
	BK	2 042 368	09/24/80	United Kingdom			X	
	BL	GB 2 256 614	12/16/92	United Kingdom				
	BM	087/01656	03/1987	WO				
	BN	0268875	6/1988	European Patent Office				
	BO	2557719	6/1977	Germany				
	BP	1-247654	10/1989	Japan				
	BQ	1 560 755	10/15/70	Germany			X	
	BR	2 310 970	09/12/74	Germany			X	
	BS	8203180	03/01/84	Netherlands			X	
	BT	476 891	08/15/69	Switzerland			X	
	BU	2 303 136	10/01/76	France			X	

OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

NONE

Examiner

Date Considered

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.